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Daily report on the effects of the Israeli aggression in Palestine

Current situation in Palestine from **7 October to 23 October 2023 – 9 am:**

Number of destroyed residential units	Attacks on Health Sector	Injured in Palestine	Martyrs in Palestine
169,184	250	Gaza : 15,273	Gaza: 5,087
		West Bank : 1,828	West Bank: 95
Total		17,101	5,182

These figures do not reflect the real reality as many victims are under the rubble.

Major Events

- The number of child martyrs out of the total death toll in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank (is 1903 children, and the number of female martyrs is 1024 women, 187 elderly martyrs, the percentage of martyrs among children, women and the elderly reached about 70%).

- 14 aid trucks entered through the Rafah crossing for the first time on 22/10/2023, which constitutes 3% of the daily import rate before the war. The total number of aid trucks is 34.
- Outbreak of cases of smallpox, scabies and diarrhea have been identifiedas a result of poor health environment, lack of sanitation and the use of water from unsafe sources.
- On 10/22/2023, leaflets were distributed by the occupation forces in Arabic in all neighborhoods of Gaza City warning its residents if they remained in their places of residence that they will be considered complicit with what they described as "terrorist organizations"
- Three additional hospitals became out of service, bringing the number of hospitals out of service as a result of bombing or running out of fuel to 10 hospitals out of 35 hospitals in the Gaza Strip, constituting 28% of total hospitals in the Strip.
- The Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) announced that their fuel stock will run out within days.

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Destroyed buildings

42% of housing units are destroyed

- Completely destroyed and uninhabitable housing units: 26,684 units
- Partially destroyed housing units: 140,500 units
- Destroyed or out of service health facilities: 9 hospitals
- Schools: 178 schools, of which 20 are UNRWA schools and 140 are governmental schools.

Attacks on the health sector

- 54 martyrs of health personnel
- More than 90 wounded of health personnel
- 50 ambulances were attacked, 23 are out of service.
- 69 attacks on health facilities, 10 of which were out of service (International Eye Hospital, Dar Al Salam Hospital, Al-Yemen Al-Saeed Hospital, Psychiatric Hospital, Beit Hanoun Hospital, Al-Durrah Children's Hospital, Hamad Rehabilitation Hospital, Al-Karama Hospital, Al-Wafa Hospital for Medical Rehabilitation and Specialized Surgery). It is also expected that the Turkish Friendship Hospital will stop working within 24-48 hours due to the sharp decrease in fuel, as well as the Jerusalem Red Crescent Hospital and the Arab-Baptist National Hospital, which is now partially functioning and is likely to stop working as a result of the bombing and the lack of fuel.
- 24 hospitals were requested to evacuate in the northern Gaza Strip (containing 2000 beds).

Health System

- 28% of the hospitals are not functioning, 65% of primary health care centers are closed.
- Hospitals are on the brink of collapse (suffering severe shortage of medicines, equipment, and personnel needed to treat large numbers of wounded, in addition to huge shortage of fuel needed to operate electricity).
- Surgeries are performed without anesthesia and using telephone light.
- Hospitals are operating at more than 150% of their capacity, and patients are being treated in corridors, on floors and other inappropriate places. For example, Al-Shifa Medical Complex is currently treating 5,000 patients daily, while its capacity is 700.
- 9,000 cancer patients rely on chemotherapy to stay alive, and the only hospital providing this service, the Turkish Hospital, is operating on a single generator which is also expected to stop working within 24-48 hours.
- Over 1,000 kidney dialysis patients have had their session time reduced from 4 hours to 2.5 hours per patient.

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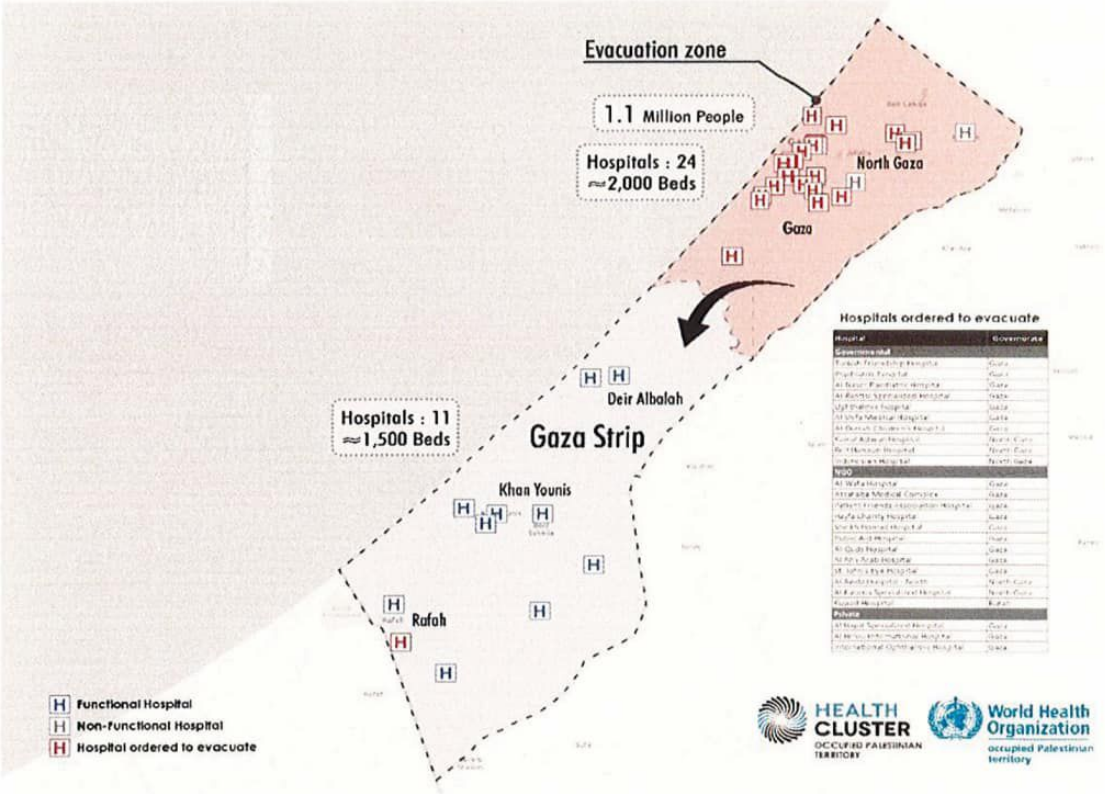
Displacement

- Estimated number ofinternally Displacement People(IDPs) is 1.4 million.
  - staying with another family: 685,000
  - in 147 in UNRWA schools : 565,000
  - in mosques, churches and public spaces: 101,000
  - in 67 governmental school: 70,000
- Overcrowding in shelters that provide services to huge numbers of citizens, exceeding their capacity by 250%, which poses an imminent danger to the spread of diseases and public health.
- **1.1 million Civilianswerethreatened** to leave their areas of residence from northern Gaza and to move to areas in the south, **the current number of displaced people is not yet known.**



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- At least 130 neonates dependent on incubators, now are at risk of death due to scarce resources and lack of electricity
- It is estimated that more than 15% ofIDPs suffer from various disabilities, and most shelter centers are not adequately equipped to meet their needs. These centers lack mattresses and medical beds, which causes ulcers and other medical problems that cannot be treated and dealt with under these circumstances.
- 10,600 liters of fuel have been secured through WHO and UNRWA for Al-Shifa Hospital.

Maternal and Child Health:

- Approximately 50,000 pregnant women face challenges in accessing healthcare due to attacks on healthcare facilities and personnel.
- Approximately 166 unsafe births per day.
- It is expected that 5,500 women will give birth in the coming month.

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